

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3606, Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act, as amended.

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 2038, Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1955–S2008

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2223–2232, S.J. Res. 39, and S. Res. 404–405. **Page S2001**

Measures Passed:

Reopening American Capital Markets to Emerging Growth Companies Act: By 73 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 55), Senate passed H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S1963–77

Adopted:

By 64 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 54), Reid (for Merkley) Amendment No. 1884, to amend the securities laws to provide for registration exemptions for certain crowdfunded securities. **Page S1976**

Rejected:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 1931 (to Amendment No. 1884), to improve the bill.

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Use of Rotunda: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 108, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page S2006**

Recognizing the life and work of Marie Colvin: Senate agreed to S. Res. 404, recognizing the life and work of war correspondent Marie Colvin and other courageous journalists in war zones.

Pages S2006–07

Authorizing the Taking of a Photograph: Senate agreed to S. Res. 405, authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate. **Page S2007**

Measures Considered:

Oil Tax Subsidies—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2204, to eliminate unnecessary tax subsidies and promote renewable energy and energy conservation. **Pages S1984–85**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, March 26, 2012.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S1985**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 4:30 p.m., on Monday, March 26, 2012, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 26, 2012, and that if cloture is not invoked, there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form prior to the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service. **Page S2007**

21st Century Postal Service Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service. **Page S1985**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of S. 2204, to eliminate unnecessary tax subsidies and promote renewable energy and energy conservation. **Page S1985**

House Messages:

Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act: Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 2038, to prohibit Members of Congress and employees of Congress from using nonpublic information derived from their official positions for personal benefit, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1977–81**

Withdrawn:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 1940, to change the enactment date. **Page S1981**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 96 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 56), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill. **Page S1981**

Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 1942, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill. **Page S1981**

Reid Amendment No. 1943 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1942), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 1942, fell. **Page S1981**

Reid Amendment No. 1944 (to Amendment No. 1943), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 1943 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1942), fell. **Page S1981**

Reid Amendment No. 1941 (to Amendment No. 1940), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 1940, was withdrawn. **Page S1981**

Appointments:

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law

105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, Public Law 107–228, and Public Law 112–75, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom:

Dr. M. Zuhdi Jasser of Arizona, Vice Richard D. Land. **Page S2007**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 57), David Nuffer, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah. **Pages S1984, S2008**

By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 58), Ronnie Abrams, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Pages S1984, S2008**

Rudolph Contreras, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Pages S1984, S2008**

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Public Health Service. **Pages S2005–2006**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—58) **Pages S1976–77, S1981, S1984**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2007.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from John Bryson, Secretary of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS: SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND THE U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and the United States Capitol Police, after receiving testimony from Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate; Terrance W. Gainer, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; and Phillip D. Morse, Sr., United States Capitol Police Chief.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 246 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from James N. Miller, Jr., Acting Under Secretary for Policy, and General John R. Allen, USMC, Commander, International Security Assistance Force, and Commander, United States Forces Afghanistan, both of the Department of Defense.

WALL STREET REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international harmonization of Wall Street reform, focusing on orderly liquidation, derivatives, and the Volcker Rule, after receiving testimony from Lael Brainard, Under Secretary for International Affairs, and John Walsh, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, both of the Department of the Treasury; Daniel K. Tarullo, Governor, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Elisse B. Walter, Commissioner, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Martin J. Gruenberg, Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Jacqueline H. Mesa, Director, Office of International Affairs, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 303, to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee, S. 1129, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, S. 1473, to amend Public Law 99-548 to provide for the implementation of the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River, Nevada, and to extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land, S. 1492, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, S. 1559, to establish the San Juan Islands National Conservation Area in the San Juan Islands, Washington, S. 1635, to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, S. 1687, to adjust the boundary of Carson National Forest, New Mexico, S. 1774, to establish the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, to designate certain Federal land as wilderness, and to improve the management of noxious weeds in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, S. 1788, to designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada, S. 1906, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, S. 2001, to expand the Wild Rogue Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the Rogue River area, to provide additional protections for Rogue River tributaries, S. 2015, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming, and S. 2056, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain interests in Federal land acquired for the Scofield Project in Carbon County, Utah, after receiving testimony from Senator Baucus; Mike Pool, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Leslie A. C. Weldon, Deputy Chief National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; James H. Magagna, Wyoming Stock Growers Association, Cheyenne; Andy Kerr, WildEarth Guardians, Washington, D.C.; Doug Gann, National Forest Homeowners, Kirkland,